UNICEF's concern on illiteracy

2190. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNICEF has lately expressed concern about the extent of illiteracy and lack of basic education, indicating the increasing rate of children kept away from school;

(b) if so, what were precise facts brought out by UNICEF in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) UNICEF has not published any specific report on the lack of basic education in India. UNICEF has been chiefly involved in promoting children and women's development issues. After the World Conference on Education for All held in Jamtion in March, 1990, UNICEF has been playing an advocacy role in regard to Universalisation of Elementary Education (UEE). Right from independence, India has been stressing to achieve UEE. Provision of free and compulsory education to all children upto the age of 14 years is a directive principle of the Coulstitution of India. The National Policy on Education, as revised in 1992, resolves that free and compulsory education of satisfactory quality is to be provided to all children upto 14 years of age before we enter the 21st century. The NPE Policy perspectives are reflected in the budgetary allocation for education.

UNESCO Report on Primary Education

2191. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO report which reiewed the State of primary education based on 1990 data has placed India in 50th out of a total of 87 developing countries; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so whether Government has examined the report;

(c) if so, what are the points mentioned in the report; and

(d) what are the efforts being made to improve the position in the world about the primary education in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. A report entitled Status and Trend published by UNESCO for the International Consultative Forum on Eduation For All containing a table on status of Basic Education for Developing Countries in which India is ranked 50th amongst 87 developing countries on the basis of net enrolment ratio for primary schooling. This table has also worked out a country wise basic education index based on net enrolment ratio, survival rate, teacher pupil ratio, total literacy rate and male female literacy gap. Any statistical index involving different countries raises problems of methodology and data. The UNESCO Index exception: The report itself has sounded a note of caution for its use for poilcy conclusion.

(d) The revised Programme of Action which was laid on the table of both House of Parliament on 10th August, 1992 lay down a framework for Education for All which includes:

(i) Microplanning through a process

of community participation and effective decentralisation of educational management to the village level;

(ii) Shifting the emphasis on retention and attainments by monitoring the number of children completing class V and Class VIII and devising programme to ensure that the minimum levels of learning are achieved by all children completing a stage of education;

(iii) Expansion of facilities and improvement of primary and upper primary schools by expanding the scope of Operation Blackboard;

(iv) Diversification and improvement of programme of non-formal education for children who will remain outside the formal school system;

(v) Strengthening of pre-school components of Early Childhood Care and Education; and

(vi) Improving and expanding programmes for teacher education by providing network of centres for inservice and continuing eduation of school teahcers.

Equality regarding wages between Teachers and Government Employees and Aided School

2192. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the reasons for not bringing the revised legislation so far to modify law and the rules in pursuance of the recommendations of the committee on subordinate legislation of the Rajya Sabha in their report on Delhi Education Act presented about eight years back especially in regard to enforcements S-10 thereof; providing for equality of wages and pecuniary benefits between teachers and employees of Government and aided school in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI SELJA): Section 10 (1) of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 provides that the scales of pay and allowanes and other prescribed benefits of the employees of a recognised private shool shall not be less than those of the employees of corresponding status in schools run by the appropriate authority. According to the information furnished by the Govt. of the National Capital Territory of Delhi there is no difficulty in enforcement of the provisions of Section 10 of the Act in respect of employees of sided schools in Delhi, since 95 per cent of the grant-in-aid towards salary and other prescribed benefits is given by them regularly. The Managing Committees of private schools are also liable for action under Section 4 for contravention of Setion 10 of the Act. Actiton taken on the concerned Recommendation of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Subordinate Legislation has also been communicated to the Secretariat of the Committee.

Profit earned by BALCO Plant at Korba (M.P.)

2193. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the profit earned by the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) plant at Korba (M.P.) during the last three years;

(b) what is the installed capacity, investment made and production in the plant during the last three years;

(c) whther there is any proposal from BALCO to expand the plant at Korba;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government to the proposal of BALCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) prepares Accounts for the Company as a whole. The profit during last three years is given below: